why were special contractors preferred without putting up the contract for auction or tender;

(11) what is the necessity for entrusting planting to the plantation staff on the Taungya system; are not the officers of the staff paid servants of the State; has Government sanction been obtained for giving areas to the staff for planting works; is not sanction necessary for the same?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Government do not consider it necessary.

(2) and (3) Copies of the reports are placed on the Council Table.

(4) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(5) Yes. He was to raise one crop and plant up the area free.

(6) Because none came forward to work on Malayattur terms in other places on enquiry.

(7) This is no loss to the Sirkar as a rich and flourishing teak plantation had been obtained at no cost.

(8) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(9) (i) A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council Table.

(ii) Yes.

(10) Government might in some cases get better rates. People who expressed willingness to raise teak plantation in return for grants of forest growth free and who were, in their opinion, reliable were selected. Some people even with the grant of free forest growth would not take up the work of raising plantation.

(11) The plantation staff is not bound to do planting works and their work consists in looking after plantations existing; in keeping poachers and stray cattle from plantations, in supervising the works of coolies engaged for various works in plantation, etc. Paid servants of the State are not required to do any planting works. The staff expressed their willingness to do planting works if raising of a crop is allowed; and the Conservator of Forests entrusted the works to them. The Conservator of Forests did not think that Government sanction was required for this and hence did not solicit for the same.

Muslims appointed in Government Service.

666. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) മൂന്നാംകൊല്ലത്തിനിപ്പുറം ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സർവ്വീസ്സിൽ നിയമിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള മുസ്ലീം ബിരുദധാരികളുടെ (Graduates) എണ്ണം എത്രയെന്നു സദയം പറയാമൊ;

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(b) ശരിയായ പ്രോത്സാഹനമില്ലായ്കയാൽ അവരിൽനി
ന്നു എത്രപേർ ഇട്ടീഷു സംബ്ധീസ്സിലേക്കു പോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ദയവു
ചെയ്തുപറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ യു. കണ്ടർമേനോൻ.—(a) ഓരോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ
നിന്നും ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ഇതുവരെ കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ള റിപ്പോർട്ടുകളിൽനി
ന്നും നാലുപേരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നുണ്ടു.

(b) ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ അറിവിൽ അങ്ങിനെ പോയിട്ടില്ല

Government attitude in regard to the Tenancy Bill.

667. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the permanent Diwan, Mr. Narayana Ayyar, has passed any order or instruction or advised the Official Members in the Legislative Council or the acting Diwan before Mr. Narayana Ayyar took leave while he was on leave as to how the Government officials should vote with reference to any motion in the first session of this Council relating to the Bill introduced by the Jenmi representative to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation, and if so, what is the order, instruction or advice given by him;

(2) whether the President of the Cochin State Tenants' Association wrote to the Diwan under date 18th Karkadagam 1103 requesting the Diwan to instruct the Official Members in the Legislative Council to remain neutral or in the alternative to allow them to vote according to their individual opinion with reference to the mtoion relating to the Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation; and if so, whether a copy of the letter will be placed on the Table;

(3) what is the order passed on this letter or how it has been disposed of;

(4) whether the Diwan instructed or advised the Official Members in the Council to vote as desired in the letter; and if not, what is the instruction or advice given;

(5) whether the Diwan received any letter, dated 22nd August 1928, from the Secretary, Cochin State Tenants' Association; and if so, whether it was acknowledged or replied; and ifso, on what date and what is the reply given;

(6) whether the permanent Diwan had left any order, advice or instruction that any motion against the consideration or postponement of the Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation, as stated in the above letter, should be opposed by the Government, and if not, whether the permanent President of the Council had left any instruction to that effect?

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